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SUBJ: JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE'S POLITICAL PLATFORM
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SUMMARY: TINY FANATICAL FRINGE GROUP, JDL, HAS TAKEN FIRST FLEDGLING STEP IN ITS AVOWED INTENTION TO TURN ITSELF INTO ISRAELI POLITICAL PARTY. AT OCTOBER 23 TEL AVIV PRESS CONF, JDL ANNOUNCED IT STANDS FOR CREATING AN ISRAEL FROM NILE TO EURPHRATES POPULATED ONLY BY JEWS. ALTHOUGH TEN JOURNALISTS ATTENDED CONF, ISRAELI PRESS TOTALLY IGNORED NEW JDL POLITICAL PLATFORM. ISRAELIS LOOK UPON JDL POLITICAL ACTIVITIES SCORNFULLY AND DOUBT IT CAN MUSTER ENOUGH VOTES IN 1973 TO GET A SINGLE SEAT IN KNESSET. END SUMMARY.

1. AS EMBASSY HAS REPORTED, ISRAELI POLICE MINISTER SEPT 23 SAID IN RADIO INTERVIEW THAT GOI WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER OUTLAWING MINISCULE ISRAELI BRANCH OF JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE BECAUSE IT HAD BEEN CAUGHT IN ATTEMPT TO SMUGGLE ARMS OUT OF ISRAEL. IN REACTION, JDL LEADER RABBI MEIR KAHANE ANNOUNCED SEPT 27 JDL WOULD RUN AS POLITICAL PARTY IN 1973 KNESSET ELECTIONS.

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2. THIS ANNOUNCEMENT WAS RECEIVED HERE WITH CONSIDERABLE SCORN, AND MOST PEOPLE DOUBT JDL COULD MUSTER NEEDED ONE PERCENT OF TOTAL VOTE TO GET SEAT IN KNESSET. SLIGHT SWING AMONG ISRAELI YOUTH AND ESPECIALLY AMONG RECENT IMMIGRANTS TOWARD CONSERVATISM HAS ALREADY BEEN WELL CAPITALIZED ON BY ISRAEL'S ESTABLISHED CONSERVATIVE PARTIES.

3. FIRST SIGN THAT TWENTY-ODD MEMBER ISRAELI BRANCH OF JDL MAY BE SERIOUS ABOUT TRYING TO FORGE ITSELF INTO POLITICAL PARTY CAME OCTOBER 23, WHEN JDL CALLED PRESS CONF AT TEL AVIV PRESS CENTER TO ANNOUNCE ITS PLATFORM. ALTHOUGH ATTENDED BY ABOUT TEN JOURNALISTS, CONF GOT COVERAGE IN ONLY ONE ISRAELI NEWSPR, WHICH RAN ONLY FOUR LINE STORY TO EFFECT JDL ADVOCATES ATTACHING JUDAIST EMBLEM TO DAMASCUS GATE OF JERUSALEM OLD CITY WALLS.

4. UPI CORRESPONDENT ALSO ATTENDED CONF (THE ONLY FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVE), HOWEVER, AND AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT, HIS RATHER FULL REPORT OF JDL EXTREMIST POSITION ON ARAB-ISRAELI TERRITORIAL ISSUE WAS PICKED UP BY AMMAN MEDIA (AMMAN REFTEL), THEREBY BLOWING UP JDL'S IMPORTANCE AND ALSO FEEDING ARABS' WORST FEARS ABOUT ISRAELI INTENTIONS.

5. JDL PLATFORM ON TERRITORY:

A) GREATER ISRAEL SHOULD EVENTUALLY BE CREATED FROM NILE TO EUPHRATES, INCLUDING SOUTHERN SYRIA AND ALL OF JORDAN, AND IT SHOULD BE INHABITED ONLY BY JEWS.

B) ISRAEL SHOULD KEEP ALL TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN 1967 WAR.

C) ISRAEL SHOULD ENCOURAGE EMIGRATION OF ISRAELI ARABS AND INHABITANTS OF OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND SHOULD SEEK WORLDWIDE JEWISH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO EFFECT THIS. MEANWHILE, THESE ARABS SHOULD BE INDUCED TO PRACTICE BIRTH CONTROL.
D) ALL NEW IMMIGRANTS TO ISRAEL SHOULD BE SETTLED IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

6. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH FORMATION AND EXPRESSION OF VIEWPOINTS ON SUBSTANTIVE ISRAELI ISSUES BY JDL DO CONSTITUTE SIGN THAT JDL PREPARING TO ENTER ELECTION CAMPAIGN, IF ITS VIEWPOINTS ALL PROVE AS FANATICAL AND UNREAL AS THOSE DESCRIBED ABOVE, THERE IS LITTLE TO FEAR. GDS
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